(b) the progress made till March, 2002 to achieve the said targets; and

(c) the targets fixed for the coming years?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Year-wise targets are not fixed. The obejctive of the Department of Tourism is to promote tourism and to increase tourist inflow in the country. International tourist arrivals during the past three years were as under:—

Year	Arrivals
1999	2481928
2000	2649378
2001	2537282
2002(Jan.-Mar.)	686122

(c) Targets for tourist arrivals are not assigned on an annual basis.

Package tour programme for NE region

743. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced any package tour programme for tourists visiting NER;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Package tours are promoted/sold by tour operators/travel agents and tourism development Corporations.